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Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by strikethrough.

1.-2. (Canceled)

- 3. (Original) A method for screening or selecting at least one cell expressing a polypeptide with a desired binding affinity to a ligand from cells expressing a library of polypeptide variants, comprising:
- a) providing a plurality of cells each comprising an expression cassette comprising a first polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide variant, at least one stop codon downstream of the first polynucleotide, and a second polynucleotide encoding a cell membrane anchoring peptide, a reporter peptide or an epitope tag downstream of the stop codon;
- b) cultivating the cells in the presence of a termination suppression agent under conditions that allow expression of the polypeptide variant; and
- c) selecting at least one cell expressing the polypeptide variant fused to a cell membrane anchoring peptide based on binding affinity of said polypeptide variant to said ligand.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the termination suppression agent is an aminoglycoside antibiotic.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the cells are screened or selected by FACS.

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6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second polynucleotide encodes a cell membrane anchoring peptide, and wherein the at least one selected cell expresses a fusion protein comprising the polypeptide fused to a cell membrane anchoring peptide, the fusion protein being displayed at the surface of said cell.

7. - 14. (Canceled)

- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
- d) cultivating at least one selected cell in the absence of a termination suppression agent to obtain expression of the polypeptide as a soluble polypeptide.
- 16. 57. (Canceled)
- 58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the cell membrane anchoring peptide is a GPI anchor.
- 59. 62. (Canceled)
- 63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the aminoglycoside antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of G-418, gentamicin (gentamycin), paromomycin, hygromycin, amikacin, kanamycin, neomycin, netilmicin, paromomycin, streptomycin and tobramycin.
- 64. 65. (Canceled)